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SUBJECT: EMBASSY DISAGREEMENT WITH POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION OFFERED FOR HEADQUARTERS USARFT CONTINUATION.

REF: CDR USARFT TAIPEI MESSAGE 150206Z AUG 73

1. WHILE EMBASSY TAKES NO POSITION ON WHETHER HEADQUARTERS USARFT SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE TERMINATED, NEVERTHELESS EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR IN POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION STATED IN PARAS 12 THROUGH 15 OF REFERENCED MESSAGE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, EMBASSY DOES NOT AGREE THAT TERMINATION OF HEADQUARTERS USARFT " WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE ROC AS A FURTHER DISSIPATION OF US RESOLVE AND A PRELUDE TO TOTAL WITHDRAWAL" AND THAT TERMINATION "CANNOT BUT BE REplete WITH REPRECUSIONS THAT WOULD PREJUDICE THE US POSITION ON THIS ISLAND."SIMILARLY, EMBASSY DOES NOT AGREE THAT TERMINATION IS "TANTAMOUNT TO DEMEANING ROC ARMY" OR THAT IT WOULD " BE VIEWED AS AN ABROGATION OF US COMMITMENT." TERMINATION WOULD NOT LEAD TO "CHINESE ALIENATION" OR THE "DEMISE OF US INFLUENCE WITHIN THE ROC". FINALLY, EMBASSY DOES NOT AGREE THAT TERMINATION WOULD "PRECIPITATE GREATER VOLATILITY IN THE EXISTING

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POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT."

3. EMBASSY AGREES THAT OFFICERS OF US ARMY ON TAIWAN HAVE BEEN HIGHLY IMPORTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ROC ARMED FORCES, BUT BELIEVES REFTEL GREATLY OVERSTATES ROLE OF HEADQUARTERS, USARFT, A VERY RECENTLY CREATED FACILITY, IN THAT PROCESS.  
MOREOVER, ROC APPRECIATION OF INTEGRITY OF US COMMITMENTS HERE IS BASED ON FACTORS AND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH STAND QUITE APART FROM THAT HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITY.  
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